

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 – 30 are pending in the application. Of these, claims 1 and 8 are amended and claims 2-4 are canceled. New claims 31 to 34 are added.

**Election/Restriction**

In the official action of July 7, 2004, the Examiner held that Claims 14 to 30 were withdrawn from further consideration in view of Applicants election, without traverse, of the requirement for restriction of the previous official action. These claims are now canceled.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 4 and 8-10 were found to be allowable but objected to as being dependent on a non-allowable base claim. Claim 4 has now been incorporated into claim 1, and claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form.

In addition, the claims have been amended to cover memory devices, based on the description at page 2 line 7 which teaches hard drives “or other storage device”, and the original features of first and second memory devices being hard disk drivers now appear in the new claims.

The remaining claims are believed to be allowable as being dependent on allowable main claims.

All of the matters raised by the Examiner have been dealt with and are believed to have been overcome. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are allowable over the cited reference. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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